



2008 MARLO RECEPTION

- A Brief History -

Welcome to the Maritime Liaison Office's (MARLO) first ever Egypt Reception. We hope that this will be the first of many successful events with our friends in the commercial maritime community.

MARLO was established in 1987, during the Iran-Iraq "Tanker Wars," to promote cooperation between the United States Navy and the commercial maritime community. At the time, petroleum and cargo vessels of neutral nations were being indiscriminately attacked in the Arabian Gulf. The United States Navy initiated a convoy system with escorts in order to avert further loss of life and property, and created MARLO as a mechanism to communicate with and assist the commercial community.

The MARLO mission is to facilitate the exchange of information between the United States Navy, Coalition Naval Forces, and the commercial maritime community in the United States Central Command's (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility. MARLO operates as a conduit for information focused on the safety of shipping and is committed to assisting the commercial maritime community.

MARLO Officer-in-Charge Captain Thomas Hastings, USCG

Captain Hastings assumed duties as the Officer-in-Charge, MARLO, Bahrain in July 2008, after serving as the Commanding Officer of United States Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans, the busiest all helicopter Air Station in the United States Coast Guard.

CAPT Hastings graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1980 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Upon graduation from U.S. Army flight training at Fort Rucker Alabama, he served as a platoon leader in an air cavalry troop in the Republic of Korea, flying the AH-1 Cobra. He later returned to Fort Rucker and served as an Instructor Pilot in the UH-1 Huey, teaching U.S. and allied students attending flight training. In 1986, CAPT Hastings left the U.S. Army to work in the private sector.

Desiring to return to active duty military service, CAPT Hastings applied to the United

States Coast Guard and was selected as a Direct Commission Aviator in 1988. In his first assignment he flew the HH-3F Pelican, to include over 13 months of deployment time to Operation Bahamas, Turks and Caicos. During this tour, he completed a Masters of Aeronautical Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and was selected for the Coast Guard's Aeronautical Engineering Program. From 1993 to 1997, CAPT Hastings served as the Assistant Aeronautical Engineering Officer at Air Station Traverse City, flying the HH-60J Jayhawk until the unit transitioned to the HH-65A Dolphin. He was the first unit pilot to transition to the HH-65A Dolphin and the Project Officer responsible for the conversion of Air Station Chicago into an Air Facility. From 1997 to 2001, CAPT Hastings served as the Training Officer, and later, the Executive Officer of the Aviation Technical Training Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. As Training Officer, he oversaw the rewrite of all aviation curricula, correspondence courses, and service wide exams during the consolidation of the aviation ratings from five rates to three. In 2001, CAPT Hastings was assigned as the Aeronautical Engineering Officer for Group/Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas where he also served as an Instructor Pilot in the HH-65B Dolphin. CAPT Hastings then served as the Executive Officer of Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron Jacksonville, in Florida from 2004 to 2006. He flew the MH-68A Stingray and deployed as a member of aviation detachments on five different Coast Guard Cutters where he was able to experience first hand the employment of Airborne Use of Force to stop a go-fast vessel attempting to smuggle drugs. From 2006 to 2008, CAPT Hastings commanded Air Station New Orleans.

CAPT Hastings has logged over 6,000 flight hours in seven different rotary wing aircraft.

- MARLO is committed to maintaining close ties within the regional maritime community. Our liaison officers travel regularly throughout the Gulf, Red Sea, Egypt, and East Africa to foster communication, stay apprised of changes in local port infrastructure and management, and to proactively address your concerns and questions. We remain, first and foremost, an active advocate for mariners. We remain dedicated to providing accurate and timely information to the commercial maritime industry within the region.



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MOMBASA, KENYA
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Mission

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Services

The Maritime Liaison Office is an element of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and supports the commercial maritime community in several ways:

- Advisory Bulletins to notify the community of late-breaking or time-critical developments in port entry requirements, U.S. Navy operations or situations that may potentially impact commercial maritime affairs.
- Conferences and receptions. MARLO hosts an annual conference in Dubai in December and a number of smaller receptions and forums throughout the region. These forums provide the means for mariners and industry representatives to meet with and share their concerns with senior leadership of the U.S. Navy and members of other regional maritime services.

Organizational Relationships

In addition to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. Fifth Fleet, and Coalition Naval Forces, MARLO has working relationships with:

- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Center (MEMAC)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)



Any information provided to MARLO is held with strict confidence!

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